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## ICC Coin Show Sold Out!

Good news! We have sold all of our tables for our Annual Coin Show, which will be held on March 16 at the Ramada Inn at Thompson Road and US 31, from 9 am until 3 pm. As you know, the Spring Show is our predominant fund-raiser for our club operating capital for the year. If you have not sold

your raffle tickets yet, now is the time. If you need more, contact Coz Raimondi at The Coin Index, (317) 885-8066, or Jim Luckey at pilotjim3@yahoo.com. **Please sell all of the raffle tickets that you possibly can.** We will also need volunteers to help set up and

take down the show, as well as to assist the dealers as they are unloading and loading their vehicles. Volunteers will also man the info table, sell raffle tickets at the door, and relieve dealers when they need a break. They may also be asked to go out and get lunch for dealers.

## ANA National Coin Week - 2003

### Tale of the Coin

April 20-26, 2003 is the 80th Annual ANA National Coin Week, a time for individual collectors, clubs and dealers to educate the public about the coin collecting hobby. But, most of all, it's a time to let the world know that collecting coins can be educational, inexpensive and — fun.

The National Coin Week theme for the year 2003 is "Tale of the Coin" focusing on the stories about coins; the people, places and objects depicted on money; and the many collectors, past and present, who collect and study coins. The activity is "The National Open House." Here are some ideas for

what you can do for National Coin Week. Enter an exhibit in the National Coin Week Competition at the ANA National Money Show™ in Charlotte, North Carolina March 20-22, 2003. Complete rules for exhibiting are on the ANA website at

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Our next meetings are scheduled for Monday, February 24, and Monday, March 24, at 7:00 PM at the Fireman's Union Hall Building, 748 Massachusetts Ave at College Ave, Indianapolis. Parking is available in the lot west of the building and on the streets north and south of the building.

**Officers:** President: Jim Luckey, Vice President: Jim Roehrdanz, Secretary: Chris Clegg, Treasurer: Tom Ferverda, Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Warden. Past President: Vinton Dove  
Editor/Webmaster: Gail Phillips

**Directors:** Karl Kreck, Lawrence Wisthoff, Donald Black, Coz Raimondi, Charles Alber, Allen Dove

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THE MONTHLY PLANCHET

The Indianapolis Coin Club is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1939 for the purpose of educating people of all ages in the greater Indianapolis community about the coins they presently own or may wish to collect. We hold eleven monthly meetings each year (presently at the Firemen's Union Hall, 748 Massachusetts Ave.) during which various programs of an educational nature are held for the benefit of our membership and the general public. All meetings are open to the public and there is no charge for attendance unless a person wishes to become a member of the club. Adult annual dues are \$12.00 per year, junior membership dues are \$5.00 per year.



## From Our President

Our President, Jim Luckey, recently suffered a broken clavicle when he was involved in an automobile accident. There will be no President's Report in this month's issue. Please feel free to contact Jim with your best wishes for a quick recovery.



*Have you paid  
your dues yet?*



## Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by our vice-president, Jim Roehrdanz, a treasurer's report and secretary's report were read. We had attendance of 36 people, including dealers. A presentation of Liberty Head nickels was given by Bob Nice, he talked about the origin of the phrase "just Joshin" with the racketeer nickel. We now have two new members to our club, Eric Worth and Rick McLaughlin, please welcome them into our club. The 50/50 drawing was won by Gail Phillips, and the puzzle was won by Ryan Black. The Board of Directors also had a meeting to discuss and approve the operating budget for the year. The following changes were made: we now have to pay \$25 a month rent for the meeting room. To pay for

this, we will use money from the 50/50 drawing (so please participate), refreshments budget will be \$200.00 for the year, and we will be moving the P.O. Box. The budget was approved with the opportunity for amendment, the Christmas party will now be held at a local restaurant instead of being funded by the club, Coz donated \$100.00 worth of stamps for \$80.00, and finally, membership renewal has dropped. We will be making an announcement for all members to update their membership dues or face being dropped - the success of the club is dependent upon all members participating together. Thank you.

- Chris Clegg.



## Treasurer's Report January 2003

### **INCOME**

Dues	\$ 77.00
Show Table Sales	210.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$287.00</b>

### **EXPENSES**

CD Purchase	\$5000.00
Computer Services	40.00
Postage	29.40
ANA Dues	29.00
Hall Rental & Donation	50.00
Coin Show Supplies	17.69
Advertising (Statehood Qtrs.)	10.00
Postage (Treasurer)	9.38
Internet Domain Renewal	7.75
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5193.22</b>

**Net Expenses** \$4611.22

**Balance in Checking as of 1/31/2003 - \$6186.95**

# Puzzle Page

This month's puzzle is a cryptogram, where letters are substituted, one for another, until the puzzle is solved. If you think that one letter equals another, it will equal that letter throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

There will be a prize drawing from correct entries.

YKOTO JNB N YSVO JKOM N ICCA NMF

KSB VCMOW JOTO BCCM QNTYOF, LHY

MCJ SY KNQQOMB YC OZOTWLCFW.

- NFANS BYOZOMBBCM

**Have you received an Illinois Statehood Quarter in change yet?**

**In this puzzle, M equals N.**

**Good Luck!**



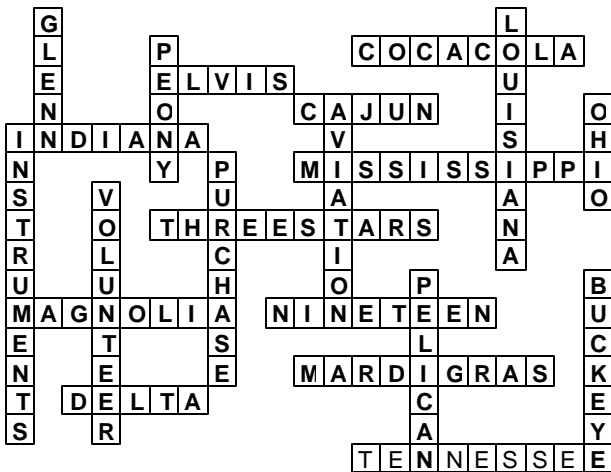
**West Point Commemorative - available now!**



Winning designs for Maine, Missouri, and Arkansas - the last three quarters this year.



## January Puzzle Solution



There were five entries for last month's puzzle contest - Vinton and Allen Dove, Dale Cook, and Don and Ryan Black. Ryan won the drawing and received a book about American Currency. Good Job!

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www.money.org. Local coin clubs are encouraged to "Wag Your Tale" at an Open House during April. Invite the public to attend a special educational program. Ask several club members to prepare short (5 to 10 minute) presentations on numismatic history, legends, or stories. Include at least one mini-presentation on a currently circulating U.S. coin.

Distribute coins (modern circulating or common collectible such as a "wheat" cent or buffalo nickel) in a 2X2 flips with interesting numismatic information about the coin on one side of the insert and club information on the other (web address, meeting times and place, etc.).

Make mini-presentations to local Scout groups, schools, libraries, civic groups, etc. and give attendees a collectible coin in a 2X2 flip with numismatic information and the ANA web address (www.money.org) on the insert.

Are you up to the challenge? If so, try these suggestions or make up your own.

The ANA again is offering two full scholarships to Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, one to the coin club or the collector who submits a report of the best and most innovative method of how they promoted National Coin Week and the theme "Tale of the Coin," and the other to the exhibitor with the best National Coin Week display at the ANA National Money Show™ in March.

Submit your written entries, pictures, etc. to ANA's Education Department on or before May 31, 2003. The winners will be notified by June 30, 2003, and

the awards will be presented at the ANA World's Fair of Money® in Baltimore, MD in August, 2003.

Remember, the fun of collecting can begin with the change in your pocket!

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## **THE LETTERED EDGE**

- By Lee F. McKenzie

Why do quarters, half dollars and dimes have ridges or milling around their rims, while pennies and nickels don't? The average person on the street might tell you that dimes, quarters and halves are clearly more valuable, and that the ridges keep them from slipping through our fingers so easily. But, "it ain't necessarily so"!

The real reason for the ridges is because quarters, dimes and halves used to be made of silver. In the past, some unscrupulous people tried to steal part of a coin's value by scraping tiny pieces of metal from the edge. Milling protects a coin from this kind of tampering. Another way to prevent it is to have lettering, or designs placed on the edge of the coin.

America's most beautiful coin, the "Saint Gaudens" \$20 gold piece, has a series of 48 stars around the edge. England's pound coin, of 1820, has a lettered edge in Latin which translates into "AN HONOR AND DEFENSE." The edge lettering decorates the coin while at the same time protecting it from unscrupulous clipping.

The edge of a coin can also be a place for a country to proclaim its most sacred values. In the

1960s, Switzerland's five Franc coins had an edge engraved with Latin words, which when translated meant "THE LORD PROVIDES." The edges of larger denomination German coins have traditionally had the words "GOD BE WITH US," in German.

The beautiful Austrian Florin coins of the 1880s have a lettered edge with the Latin words meaning "unity and truth," separated by ornate scroll work and a star. Many people believe that a truly beautiful coin is incomplete without a lettered edge.

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## **THE LAFAYETTE COMMEMORATIVE DOLLAR**

- by Frank Van Valen

Most of us have bought raffle tickets and candy bars in school fundraisers, but I'll bet you didn't know American school children once raised \$50,000 in small change to build a statue in France.

It was 245 years ago, that the Marquis de Lafayette was born. During the American Revolution, the 19 year old Marquis . . . or General Lafayette, as the colonists knew him . . . risked his life and fortune to help the colonies fight for their freedom. Al-

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though wounded at the battle of Brandywine, Lafayette remained in the army until the end of the war. He served under George Washington, whom he considered his adopted father .. and whom he modeled his life after.

Lafayette remained a friend of the United States, always working for strong ties between France and America. In 1824, Lafayette accepted an invitation to visit the United States as "the guest of the nation." Congress gave him money and land and he toured all 24 states, receiving a hero's welcome at every stop. His visit impressed a new generation of Americans with the significance of their political heritage, and of the nation's place as one of the world's few republics.

Early in 1899, it was suggested that a statue of Lafayette would make a fine gift to the people of France. American school children were asked to raise money for the statue. Accepting the challenge, the kids raised \$50,000.

Meanwhile, Congress passed a law calling for the production of our first commemorative silver dollar, the Lafayette dollar. The Lafayette dollar pays respect to the children of America. On the back of the coin, in bold letters around the edge are the words, "ERECTED BY THE YOUTH OF THE UNITED STATES IN HONOR OF GENERAL LAFAYETTE, PARIS, 1900." In the center is the statue, their lunch money and allowances paid for.

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## **NON-EXISTENT, THE GREATEST RARITY OF ALL**

- by Bill Jones

There are many definitions of a rare coin. For the lucky Arkansas man who recently found one of the first golden dollars combined with a state quarter and sold it for twenty-nine thousand dollars . . . that might seem to be a rare coin. Certainly, a coin with less than five known specimens would be called rare . . . but, what about a series of coins in which there are no survivors?

Non-existing coins are not unusual in coin collecting. Mint records have led researchers to report very small quantities of coins that have never been found. Records from the tiny U.S. Mint in Charlotte, North Carolina, indicate the facility issued four gold dollars in 1854. Actually, the four coins never existed. It was just a bookkeeping entry that a clerk made to balance his accounts at the end of the year.

Some coins are known to have existed years ago, but can't be traced today. One example is a \$25 California gold coin, made in 1849 by Templeton Reid, a private minter. Mystery sur-

rounds Reid's California gold coins . . . we wonder why he made those coins, since modern research has concluded that he never set foot in California at all! At any rate, in the 1850s, the only examples of Reid's California gold \$10 and \$25 coins were in the U.S. Mint collection. On August 16, 1858, the \$25 coin was stolen from the Mint Cabinet, and it's never been recovered.

In 1965, the Denver Mint produced well over half-a-million silver dollars. During a serious coin shortage, the production of these dollars made no sense. Eventually, common sense prevailed and the dollars were melted down. Yet rumors persist that a few coins escaped the mint and are now in private hands. Are there any 1964-D silver dollars out there?

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## **THE 1804 DOLLAR**

- by Thomas LaMarre

When is a dollar worth nearly a million dollars? When it's one of only 15 genuine 1804-dated silver dollars known to exist.

Acting on orders from President Andrew Jackson, the Philadelphia Mint made the "original" 1804 silver dollars in 1834.

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# KID'S CORNER



## Storing Your Coins -

Keeping coins away from your little brother - or sister - is a good idea. But storing them outside in a tree house isn't. Sharp changes in temperature and moisture can cause tarnish and spots.

You'll want a ruler to measure your coins, but it should be made of plastic. A metal ruler can scratch your coins!

While some plastic flips are okay, you want to avoid the soft ones. The PVC that makes the plastic soft also causes green slime.

A computer can help you keep track of your collection. But using a spreadsheet program to add up denominations isn't that useful. You'd be better off with a coin program that lets you store notes about your collection.

## Gold and Silver Coins

S K V R E V L I S A H S  
 O A X X P X M M I L S T  
 D J N L Y I M N T E U D  
 A A N F N L R X R M R K  
 R L I E R O R P T P D M  
 O A D G F A M L L F L N  
 L L D I R A N R H T O M  
 O K L A E O T C G L G I  
 C A R T V P E V I T N N  
 C X S M N E W G Q S G T  
 N L X B Q W N R T V C R  
 D T V C I V I L W A R O

CALIFORNIA  
 CIVIL WAR  
 COLORADO  
 GEORGIA  
 GOLD RUSH  
 MINE  
 MINT  
 NEVADA  
 SAN FRANCISCO  
 SILVER  
 STEAM PRESS




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## Historic Highlights - A Mint Timeline

### Mining Materials

**1828:** America's first "gold rush" begins in Georgia, an eastern state.

**1836:** The first steam press is put in place. Coins can now be made faster—probably about 120 coins each minute.

**1837-8:** Three new Mint branches open in Louisiana, Georgia, and North Carolina because of gold mined nearby.

**1848:** Gold is found in California. The California Gold Rush takes off the following year.

**1854:** An office opens in San Francisco where Gold Rush miners can have their gold tested and weighed. It soon becomes the San Francisco Mint.

**1858:** Gold is found in Colorado. Silver is found in Nevada the following year.

**1861:** During the Civil War, the Southern branch mints fall under Confederate control.

**1863:** A Mint office opens in a bank building in Denver, Colorado, where gold and silver from nearby mines can be tested and weighed.

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They were to be presented to the King of Siam, now Thailand, and the Sultan of Muscat, now Oman in the Persian Gulf region. The State Department requested "complete" sets of coins . . . and because no silver dollars were being made at that time, the Mint produced dollars dated 1804--the last year the denomination had been made.

Mint records tell us that nearly 20,000 silver dollars were produced in 1804, but they fail to mention that the coins were almost certainly dated 1803.

A State Department envoy presented an 1804 dollar to the Sultan of Muscat, along with a sword and gold scabbard, a

map of the United States, an American flag and several rifles. The set of coins which the King of Siam received still exists--in its original presentation case.

The first collector to own an 1804 dollar was Matthew Stickney, who traded for one in the 1840s. By the late 1850s, demand by collectors was so great that the Mint made "re-strikes"--coins produced from original dies at a date later than the original issue.

In the 1960s, two--yes, two--1804 dollars were stolen from the home of a Florida collector--a member of the DuPont family. The American Numismatic Association helped re-

cover one of the coins almost 20 years later. Swiss police recovered the second one just a few years ago, again with the assistance of the ANA.

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#### State Quarter Coinage Design - Alabama

A portrait of Helen Keller seated in a chair with an open book on her lap will grace Alabama's 2003 State quarter. Keller's name is inscribed in English and Braille to the right of the portrait with "Spirit of Courage" on a ribbon below the chair. The design is bordered on the right by a branch of camellias, Alabama's state flower, and on the left by a branch of needles and cones from the southern longleaf pine. Keller was born June 27, 1880 in Tuscomb, Ala. Keller will be the seventh actual woman depicted on a U.S. coin. The other six women are: Queen Isabella, Eleanor Dare (with infant daughter Virginia), Susan B. Anthony, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Dolley Madison and Sacagawea. The Alabama quarter dollar will be the first U.S. coin minted for circulation with a Braille inscription.

This month's educational program will be presented by Vinton Dove. The topic will be the unique series of Ben Franklin Half Dollars.

Don't miss it!

## Upcoming Coin Shows:

### Mar 8-9 South Bend

Coin & Currency Show. Comfort Suites, 52939 S.R. 933 N. Sat: 10AM-5PM; Sun: 10AM-3PM. Contact: Dave's Collectibles, Dave Brody, POB 724, South Bend, IN 46624. 574-272-9198, for more information. Tables:12-15. Free admission.